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now ranks third in world production behind the United States and the Soviet Union, as shown in the latest available figures:

Leading Coal Producers

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	
United States	503	529	
USSR	441	451	
China	335	357	
Poland	146	151	
United Kingdom	147	122	25X1A
West Germany	111	103	25X1A

25X1C

8. [Chinese officials have told visitors that the development of coal and petroleum resources is the fifth in a list of five priorities in the Fourth Five-Year Plan (1971-75).] The key word is "development". Unable to marshal the resources for the wholesale modernization of the coal industry, Peking has ordered more intensive exploitation of existing mines. Only a few large, modern, mines have been brought into production. The capacity of large new mines as a percent of national coal output of the preceding year is as follows: \*

\* See Appendix 3 for a listing of the new mines.

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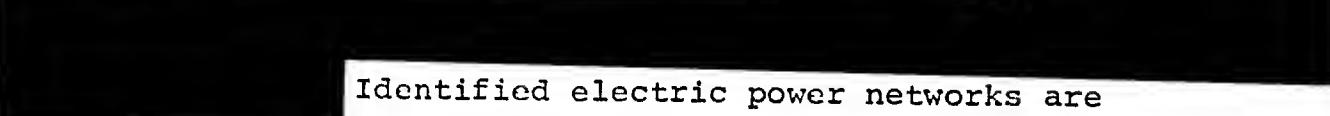
16. The electric power industry is bumping up against major technological obstacles to further rapid growth. For one thing, Chinese generating efficiency is far below world standards. In the United States the economies of scale possible with large generators have led to widespread use of 1,000 MW class generators. In contrast, Chinese claims center on 125 MW thermal and 25X1D 300 MW hydro units as illustrations of the latest Chinese technological achievements.

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17. Chinese standards in power transmission are even lower than in generation. Transmission lines are limited to 220 KV systems with practical transmission distances of about 150 miles. One experimental line of 330 KV has been laid. In contrast, the U.S. commonly uses 500 KV lines which carry power 500-600 miles and is building 765 KV lines with a 1300-1400 mile range.

18. One U.S firm has concluded from its negotiations with the Chinese for sales of power equipment that there are 30 or more "local" transmission grids in China.



Identified electric power networks are shown on the map in the Appendix.

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21. International experience suggests that rapidly growing economies should have a ratio of about 1:1.4 between the rate of growth of overall industry and of electric power.\* The ratios for China in 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973 have been 1:1.12, 1:1.42, 1:1.25, and 1:1.07 respectively. These ratios by themselves suggest insufficiency of electric power during those years. With the concurrent problem of inefficient long-distance power transmission in China, recurrent local and regional power shortages were to be expected. 25X1C

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[REDACTED] Ten percent is about the rate achieved during 1972, when the rate of overall industrial growth attained was 7.5 percent. The delegation's statement implies that Chinese industrial growth will continue to increase at these rates for at least a few years to come, in contrast with the 20 percent achieved in 1969 and in 1970.

Role of Oil

23. China, one of the few major nations with adequate supplies of oil, has boosted production from 5 million tons

\* The relationship between industrial production and electric power production in 1961-65 in 12 countries shows that electric power increased at a faster rate -- 1.4 times on the average -- than industrial production in all countries.

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